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FOLLOWING REPEAT MAPUTO 560 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 17.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0560

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FROM MOOSE DEPT FOR TARNOFF ONLY

MADRID FOR LAKE WITH VP PARTY

1. ARRIVED LATE LAST NIGHT AMID A SCENE OF INDESCRIBABLE
CONFUSION. ANDY AND SY PRESENTLY STAYING IN HOTEL
POLANA, OTHERS HERE AND THERE. I AM PRESENTLY AT
DE PREE'S HOUSE WITH SOME PROSPECT OF MOVING TO POLANA
HOTEL TODAY. TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE GOOD
BUT NORMAL TELEPHONE PROBABLY OUT OF QUESTION. IN URGENT
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CASE WE COULD HAVE VOICE COMMUNICATION VIA SAM AIRCRAFT
RADIO. WE WOULD HAVE TO BE ALERTED TO GET RADIO OPERATOR
TO AIRPORT BUT THIS IS NOT BIG DEAL. CREW IS LODGED IN PRIVATE
HOME AND PLANS TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE PENDING
DECISION ON TRAVEL PLANS TO JOHANNESBURG.

2. ANDY CONVENED MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP AT DE PREE'S

HOUSE AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AND SAME WILL BE DONE TOMORROW. SEPTTEL WILL SUMMARIZE DISCUSSION. SUFFICE TO SAY DISCUSSION WAS IN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH WELL KNOWN POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED. CANADIAN PUT EMPHASIS ON RELATIVE MODERATION OF FIRST DAYS AFRICAN SPEAKERS AND COUNSELED COLLEAGUES AGAINST NEGATIVISM.

3. DE PREE SEEKING TO LINE UP MUGABE OR NUJOMA FOR INFORMAL LUNCH WITH ANDY AT RESIDENCE. THEREAFTER, AT 4 O'CLOCK, WE WILL HAVE SESSION WITH U.S. PRESS TO REVIEW DAYS EVENTS.

4. YESTERDAY

IN A DEEP BACKGROUND ("NO ATTRIBUTION OF ANY DESCRIPTION") SESSION ABOARD PLANE BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND MAPUTO, ANDY DESCRIBED U.S. CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES TO TRAVELING PRESS, DISCUSSED TACTICAL CHALLENGES OF THE SITUATION AND OUTLINED HIS INTENDED MANNER OF DEALING WITH THEM. IT SOUNDED MUCH LIKE WHAT ANDY SAID IN GROUP MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT IN LISBON AND FOLLOWED LINE OF LAKEBACKGROUNDER IN WASHINGTON. ANDY WAS FAIRLY CANDID IN DESCRIBING THE SENSITIVITIES ON VARIOUS SIDES: THE RADICALS, NATIONALISTS AND OUR ALLIES. ON NAMIBIA HE SAID THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST ROUND WITH THE CONTACT GROUP WERE POSITIVE.

5. THE AIRPLANE TO JOHANNESBURG ISSUE IS UNRESOLVED AS FAR AS WE KNOW. AS YET HAVE RECEIVED NO FURTHER WORD. CONFIDENTIAL

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ANDY FEELS THAT HE SHOULD NOT USE OPPENHEIMER PLANE AND VICE PRESIDENT SAID IN LISBON THAT HE THOUGHT SUCH USE WOULD BE "IMPROPER." YOU WILL ALSO HAVE NOTED FROM CABLES THAT OPPENHEIMER REPS NOW SAY THEY ASSUME TRAVEL BEING HANDLED BY EMBASSY. I AM SENDING AN INQUIRY ON THIS SUBJECT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS SO MY COLLEAGUES CAN SEE ACTIVITY.

6. A NEW TRAVEL COMPLICATION ARISES FROM FACT THAT KHARTOUM CEREMONY WILL NOT BE UNTIL EVENING OF MAY 24. THIS LEAVES ANDY AT LOOSE ENDS BETWEEN EVENING OF MAY 22 AND EVENING MAY 24. MEANWHILE, KAUNDA HAS SENT WORD HE WOULD LIKE ANDY TO STOP THERE. THIS WOULD GIVE US A BETTER EXPLANATION THAN WE HAVE NOW FOR LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA EVENING OF MAY 22 WITHOUT SEEING STUDENTS. IF HABIB IS STILL WORRIED ABOUT ANDY MESSING UP RHODESIA, ANDY CAN BE TOLD NOT TO BRING UP SUBJECT AND HE WON'T. WE WILL RAISE LUSAKA VISIT POSSIBILITY WITH YOU IN NORMAL CHANNELS TOMORROW.

7. RE AF DEPUTIES: RON PALMER HAS SENT ME WORD THAT HE RECONSIDERS AND WOULD TAKE AN OTHER THAN PRINCIPAL DEPUTY JOB.

8. OF INTEREST TO TARNOFF ONLY (AND CHRISTOPHER).
HAM JORDAN CALLED ME (ON THE PLANE OVER NAMIBIA) TO SAY THAT THE WIFE OF RODNEY KENNEDY MINOTT (PH.D.) HAS PROBLEMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL NATURE AND THAT RHODNEY NEEDS "TWO OR THREE" MORE WEEKS TO MAKE UP HIS MIND ABOUT GOING TO SWEDEN. I TOLD HIM I THOUGH SUCH AS DELAY COULD BE ARRANGED AND THAT IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD HOLD UP REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT AND NOMINATION. BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON I HAD ALERTED BILL GALLOWAY TO THIS POSSIBILITY. PETER: (1) YOU MIGHT CALL GALLOWAY AND REINFORCE MY PREVIOUS HOLD AND (2) HAVE HIM VERY DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN STATUS OF INCUMBENTS'S DEPARTURE AND EFFECT OF DELAY.
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9. PLEASE SEND SECRETARY'S ITINERARY (I.E. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STOPS).
DE PREE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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